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Bug Light Cup Plate

It's here -- "Bug Light Cup Plate" -- at Cotton's, Hall's Corner. They are selling it on a non-profit



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basis so that all money raised for this go to "Save The Bug."

This is the perfect gift as a memento of Duxbury, Kingston or Plymouth, also one of the few gifts you can find that is "Made in the United States."

"Bug Light" is located on the north side of the main channel leading from Cape Cod Bay to Duxbury, Kingston and Plymouth harbors.

Its light has a range of 6 miles, flashing red 3 times every 10 seconds. There is no longer a keeper at this light but many rescues were made over the

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years when there was one in residence. In one year alone, there were 90 persons rescued, including 36 Girl Scouts. The metal structure has deteriorated over the years to the point where the U.S. Coast Guard officials planned to demolish the structure and replace it with just a fiberglass pole with a light on it. Local residents and mariners could not accept this. A project "Save The Bug" Inc. was established as a non-profit organization and funds are being raised and solicited from all interested donors, to complete the restoration and "Save The Bug" from destruction.

All proceeds derived from the sale of this "Cup Plate" will be donated to "Save The Bug," "In Loving Memory" of the late Francis E. Kirkpatrick family of Duxbury, who fished these waters and derived their livelihood from the bounty shown on the edge of this "Cup Plate."

"Cup Plates" were used in the homes about 1820-1850. It was the custom to pour hot tea from the handleless cup into a deep saucer to cool. Tea was then sipped from the saucer while the cup was placed on a cup plate to protect the table or linen.

These gems of fine lead crystal are hand pressed at the Pairpoint Glass Co. Inc., in Sagamore. Engraver is Andrew Bourbon; Alberta Kirkpatrick, designer. Available from Bug Light Plate, Box 2495, Duxbury. 02331.